

**MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY  
GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2004, 10 A.M.  
COCHISE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BLDG 900, ROOM 900**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins opened the meeting and welcomed the commission members and guests to the second first meeting of the Governor's Military Affairs Commission. Created by executive order 2004-04 on March 2, 2004, the commission is comprised of fifteen (15) voting members where the thirteen (13) are appointed by the Governor and two by the leadership of the State Legislature. The mission of the commission is to monitor and make recommendations on executive, legislative and federal actions necessary to sustain and grow Arizona's network of military installations, training and testing ranges and associated airspace.

She thanked Dr. Karen Nicodemus, President of Cochise College for providing the commission with the facilities to conduct its meeting. She recognized new commissioner member Nancy Stump, Commissioner appointed by Speaker of the House and ex-officio member, Betty Camarena hired by AZ Dept of Commerce to manage military installation fund (MIF). The commission still has one opening to be appointed by the Senate President.

Ms. Atkins also extended thanks to Colonel Stephen Kreider and Colonel James Cooney for the commission's recent tours of their military installations the US Army Yuma Proving Ground and US Marine Corps Air Station Yuma (MCAS - Yuma), respectively on July 19, 2004.

**ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Commission members were given an opportunity to introduce themselves individually. The remaining commission members include: James Cavanaugh, Mayor of the City of Goodyear; Tom Hessler, Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista; Sandie Smith, Count Supervisor of Pinal County; Lenore Stuart, County Supervisor of Yuma County; Robert Walkup, Mayor of the City of Tucson; Michael Francis, President of the West Valley Community Action Coalition Bob Johnston (Lieutenant General, USMC, Ret.) of Tucson and Nancy Stump, Appointee for the Speaker of the House of Representatives – Arizona State Legislature. Gene Santarelli (Lieutenant General, USAF, Ret.) Tom Finnegan, President of the Fort Huachuca 50; Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe of Yuma; Priscilla Storm of Diamond Ventures in Tucson and Tom Browning (Brigadier General, USAF, Ret.). were absent.

For the ex-officio members, representatives from the Attorney General's office, Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Land Management, Luke Air Force Base and Fort Huachuca were in attendance.

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins also recognized elected officials in the audience: US Congressman Jim Koble, State Representative Jennifer Burns, Mayor Larry Nelson from the City of Yuma, and County Pat Call from Cochise County Board of Supervisors and a representative from Representative Grijalva's office.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2004**

Without any corrections, the commissioners voted to approve the May meeting minutes. A copy of these minutes is posted at <http://www.governor.state.az.us/mft/index.html>.

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS/ EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Each commissioner and ex-officio member present was given an opportunity to provide the commission with a report about military affairs activities in their communities.

### **REMARKS BY US CONGRESSMAN JIM KOLBE – DISTRICT 8, STATE OF ARIZONA**

Congressman Jim Kolbe gave some remarks about the BRAC process.

### **REPORTS & DISCUSSION:**

#### **REPORT ON SOUTHWEST DEFENSE ALLIANCE – CASEY JONES**

Mr. Casey Jones gave a briefing about the Southwest Defense Alliance. He explained their purpose, background and provided details about their recent meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (See special note below to request a copy of presentation slides.)

#### **REPORT ON NAID CONFERENCE – MAYOR TOM HESSLER**

Mayor Tom Hessler gave a briefing about the recent NAID (National Association of Installation Developers) Conference recently held Monterrey, California. (See special note below to request a copy of presentation slides.)

#### **REPORT FROM THE CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR ARIZONA - DR. RANDY GROTH**

Dr. Groth provided some background about his role of the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Arizona and remarks about initiatives that he has been working on.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FORT HUACHUCA 50 – TOM FINNEGAN**

In Mr. Finnegan's absence, Mr. Casey Jones provided a briefing about the Fort Huachuca 50 and invited meeting attendees to join their organization. (See special note below to request a copy of presentation slides.)

Lunch started at 11:40am; the meeting resumed at 12:30pm

#### **MISSION BRIEFING ABOUT FORT HUACHUCA – COLONEL JONATHAN HUNTER, GARRISON COMMANDER**

Colonel Jonathan Hunter, Garrison Commander for Fort Huachuca provided a mission briefing about the US Army Fort Huachuca.

#### **UPDATE ON STATEWIDE JOINT LAND USE EFFORTS – DEB SYDENHAM**

Ms. Deb Sydenham from the Arizona Department of Commerce provided an update on the Arizona Regional Compatibility Project which is the overarching effort behind the various the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Projects in Arizona. She reviewed the Barry M. Goldwater Range/Gila Bend Auxiliary Airfield JLUS project schedule with completion expected by the end of October 2004. Future projects include: Florence Training Range, Silverbell/ Marana/ WAATS operation, review of the Yuma Joint Land Use Plan and development of State JLUS guide.

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#### **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE/STUDY GROUPS – LISA ATKINS**

Co-chair Lisa Atkins reminded commissioners that they should consider participating on at least one of these subcommittees. So far, the following chairs for these subcommittees have been selected:

- Rules Procedures: Lisa Atkins
- Airspace & Military Training Routes: Tom Finnegan

The following is a list of the subcommittees, brief explanation about them and which commissioners volunteered to participate on them:

- Subcommittees: –Legislative: will review and monitor current state and federal legislation and provide recommendations to the full commission for possible future actions (Volunteers: Supervisor Stuart, Monsignor O’Keeffe, Bob Johnston)

–Rules Procedures: will work with the Department of Commerce to develop the rules procedures to review the applications to the military installation fund and make recommendations on how the funds should be spent (Chair: Lisa Atkins; Volunteers: Michael Francis, Mayor Walkup, Supervisor Stuart, Mayor Hessler, Mayor Cavanaugh)

–Public Outreach: will develop the communications needed to develop relationships with the local communities impacted by military installations, federal delegation, media, and other military support groups (Volunteers: Monsignor O’Keeffe)

–Airspace & Military Training Routes (MTRs): report to the commission on issues impacting the airspace designated for military operations and MTRs (Chair: Tom Finnegan; Volunteers: Supervisor Smith, Tom Browning)

–Arizona National Guard & Reserves Issues: report to the commission in issues impacting the missions of National Guard & Reserve units to conduct their operations in AZ (Volunteers: Supervisor Smith)

#### **UPDATE ON RULES PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE – LISA ATKINS & DEB SYDENHAM**

Based on the House Bill 2140, co-Chair Lisa Atkins led a discussion on the role of the commission with the Military Installation Fund. The roles of the commission are listed as follows:

- Work with the Dept. of Commerce to develop rules procedures to review applications to the military installation fund (MIF)
- Arizona Department of Commerce will forward all applications to MIF to commission for review and recommendations on awards
- Make recommendations to Dept. of Commerce on the following:
  - o Each applicant that should be awarded monies from the fund–Dollar amount that each applicant should be awarded from the fund

Deb Sydenham from the Department of Commerce provided a detailed review of the rule-making process that the commission will have to follow to create its rules procedures for the military installation fund.

#### **BRAC UPDATE – LETTER DISCUSSION – GENE SANTARELLI**

In Co-Chair Santarelli's absence, Co-chair Lisa Atkins facilitated a discussion about a letter that the commission approved to send to the Arizona Congressional delegation to support the current 2005 BRAC timeline and no delay to this process.

(See special note below to request a copy of the letters)

## **LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES DISCUSSION – LISA ATKINS**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins provided a brief review of the military bases bills passed during the 2004 Legislative Session.

- ◆ HB 2134: NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITIES - prohibits the location of large natural gas storage facilities near military installations
- ◆ HB 2141: MILITARY AIRPORT; RESTRICTED ZONES – adds Luke AFB Auxiliary Airfield #1 with its designations and maps of high noise and accident potential zones to list of military facilities recognized in statute
- ◆ HB 2140: MILITARY AIRPORTS; -
  - Needed Changes to State Statutes to Protect Missions of All of Arizona's Military Facilities
  - Created Military Installation Fund: \$4.8M in FY05 and FY06 and every year thereafter; funds support from AG and Dept of Commerce
- ◆ HB 2662: MILITARY AIRPORTS; TRAINING ROUTES - defines "military training routes" (MTRs) and requires notification to landowners

For a complete copy of the bills, please go to the Arizona State Legislature website at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>.

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## **DISCUSSION ABOUT CURRENT & FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

### Current Action Items

- 1) Mayor Walkup requested information about a possible pipeline running through the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR). (Still open)
- 2) Mayor Walkup was interested in finding out more about distribution of Homeland Security Monies in Arizona. (Closed).
- 3) Bob Johnston wanted to learn more about potential conflicts with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle border use of restricted airspace over the BMGR. (Closed)
- 4) Mayor Hessler would like to continue discussions about an Arizona nomination for a BRAC commissioner. (Still open)
- 5) Monsignor O'Keeffe would like further discussions about commercial airline service into smaller Arizona communities supporting military operations involving the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration. (Still open)
- 6) Mike Francis asked that a final determination be made on whether this commission falls under open meeting law since it is being referenced in statute through the signing of HB2140. (Closed).

### Future Action Items

- 1) Mayor Cavanaugh and Nancy Stump want direction from the Governor's office about how the commission should deal with the Southwest Defense Alliance and the National Association of Installation Developers.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins made a call to the public. There were three responses from the public: 1) State Representative Jennifer Burns made some remarks about her efforts with and support for protection of the missions of Arizona's military installation. 2) Mr. Jeff Carr from the Air Force Research Lab in Mesa, Arizona provided an update on the construction of new facilities at the lab. 3) Tricia Gerrodette asked the commission to consider expanding their definition of encroachment to include the impacts of military operations on water supply in community so that Sierra Vista would be to apply for money from the Military Installation fund.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATE(S) AND LOCATION(S):**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2004 in Pinal County. Future dates, times and locations will be announced at a later time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Governor's Military Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, starting at 10am in Pinal County, Arizona. Location to be announced

Special Note: Electronic copies of the presentations or any other materials noted above are available on request. Please contact Dion Flynn at (602) 542-7007 or send an email to [dflynn@az.gov](mailto:dflynn@az.gov).

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